

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 22 through page 10, line 9 as follows:

That is, the polyacetal resin composition of the present invention comprises a polyacetal resin (A) and at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenol component (B1) and an amino acid (B2), wherein the proportion of the phenol component (B1) is about 0.001 to 1 parts by weight and the proportion of the amino acid (B2) is about 0.001 to 10 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of a polyacetal resin (A). The polyacetal resin composition may be substantially free from a phosphorus-containing flame retardant. The phenol component (B1) may comprise a resin of which a main chain and or a side chain has an aromatic ring having a hydroxyl group [for example, a novolak phenol-series resin (e.g., a novolak random phenol-series resin, a high-orthonovolak phenol-series resin), a phenol aralkyl-series resin, a polyvinyl phenol-series resin (e.g., a vinylphenol homo- or copolymer)], a polyphenol [e.g., a polyhydric phenol, a bisphenol, a trisphenol, a catechin compound, a teanine, a tannin, a lignin], and the like. The amino acid (B2) may comprise an α -amino acid (for example, a monoaminomonocarboxylic acid, a monoaminodicarboxylic acid, a diaminomonocarboxylic acid), a β -amino acid, a γ -amino acid and a δ -amino acid. The proportion of the phenol component (B1) may be about 0.001 to 0.7 part by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin (A). The proportion of the amino acid (B2) may be about 0.01 to 5 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin (A). The resin composition may further comprise an antioxidant, a heat stabilizer, a processing stabilizer, a weather (light)-resistant stabilizer, a coloring agent, and others. The weight ratio of at least one member selected from the group consisting of the phenol component

(B1) and the amino acid (B2) relative to the antioxidant may for example be about 99/1 to 10/90. The heat stabilizer may comprise (a) a basic nitrogen-containing compound, (b) a metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid, (c) an alkali or alkaline earth metal compound, (d) a hydrotalcite and (e) a zeolite, and the weight ratio of at least one member selected from the group consisting of the phenol component (B1) and the amino acid (B2) relative to the heat stabilizer may for example be about 99/1 to 10/90.